

Union Forum Agenda

Thursday, August 24, 2006
1PM to 2PM (Eastern)

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1:00 PM Start! Welcome! – Spencer Schron

Improving Quality for Medicare Beneficiaries: Medication Therapy Management.

The Medicare Modernization Act established Medication Therapy Management (MTM). This is a requirement of Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) in which they develop a program to improve the quality of care delivered to Medicare Part D enrollees who have multiple chronic diseases, who are taking multiple Part D covered drugs, and who are likely to incur prescription drug costs of \$4,000 or more in 2006. The programs may be provided in a number of ways – face-to-face, via the phone, via mail, via email and more. This topic may be of interest to plan sponsors and bargainers who want to know more about this evolving benefit. It may also be of interest to unions who may now or in the future be looking at the benefits of Medicare PDPs, or are considering establishing similar services in other (non-Medicare) retiree health plans. It may also be of interest to union staff working with beneficiaries who could be enrolled in such a program.

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2:00 PM End!

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